

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Young et al.

Application Serial No.: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: Unassigned

For: **Secreted Protein HFEAF41**
(as amended)

Attorney Docket No.: PZ004G22YP1D1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants hereby request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) an Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.97. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Title:

Please delete the existing title and replace therefore --Secreted Protein HFEAF41 --.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, please replace the first paragraph and the subsequent priority table with the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to United States Patent Application No. 09/966,262, filed October 1, 2001, which is a continuation of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to United States Patent Application No. 09/154,707, filed September 17, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to International Patent Application No: PCT/US98/05311, filed March 19, 1998, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States Provisional Application Nos. 60/041,277, 60/042,344, 60/041,276, 60/041,281, each of which was filed on March 21, 1997; 60/048,094, 60/048,350, 60/048,188, 60/048,135, 60/050,937, 60/048,187, 60/048,099, 60/048,352, 60/048,186, 60/048,069, 60/048,095, 60/048,131, 60/048,096,

60/048,099, 60/048,352, 60/048,186, 60/048,069, 60/048,095, 60/048,131, 60/048,096, 60/048,355, 60/048,160, 60/048,351, 60/048,154, each of which was filed on May 30, 1997; 60/054,804, filed on August 5, 1997; 60/056,370, filed on August 19, 1997; and 60/060,862, filed on October 2, 1997. Each of the above reference applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

At page 117, above line 1, please insert --Table 1--.

Remarks

The title has been amended to more precisely reflect the presently claimed invention. Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to reflect those applications to which the Applicants are claiming priority. Applicants have amended the specification to include a heading to clarify the location of Table 1 in the specification.

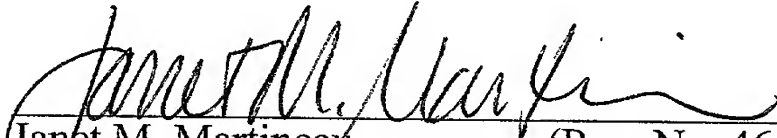
No new matter has been introduced.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Title:

The title has been amended as follows:

[87 Human Secreted Proteins] Secreted Protein HFEAF41.

In the Specification

At page 1, paragraph 1, beginning on line 2, and the subsequent priority table has been amended as follows:

--This application is a divisional of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to United States Patent Application No. 09/966,262, filed October 1, 2001, which is a continuation of, and claims benefit priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US98/05311, filed March 19, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications:

	Filing Date	Appln No.
1.—	21-Mar-1997	60/041,277
2.—	21-Mar-1997	60/042,344
3.—	21-Mar-1997	60/041,276
4.—	21-Mar-1997	60/041,281
5.—	30-May-1997	60/048,094
6.—	30-May-1997	60/048,350
7.—	30-May-1997	60/048,188
8.—	30-May-1997	60/048,135
9.—	30-May-1997	60/050,937
10.—	30-May-1997	60/048,187
11.—	30-May-1997	60/048,099

12.	30-May-1997	60/048,352
13.	30-May-1997	60/048,186
14.	30-May-1997	60/048,069
15.	30-May-1997	60/048,095
16.	30-May-1997	60/048,131
17.	30-May-1997	60/048,096
18.	30-May-1997	60/048,355
19.	30-May-1997	60/048,160
20.	30-May-1997	60/048,351
21.	30-May-1997	60/048,154
22.	05-Aug-1997	60/054,804
23.	19-Aug-1997	60/056,370
24.	02-Oct-1997	60/060,862

to United States Patent Application No. 09/154,707, filed September 17, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to International Patent Application No: PCT/US98/05311, filed March 19, 1998, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States Provisional Application Nos. 60/041,277, 60/042,344, 60/041,276, 60/041,281, each of which was filed on March 21, 1997; 60/048,094, 60/048,350, 60/048,188, 60/048,135, 60/050,937, 60/048,187, 60/048,099, 60/048,352, 60/048,186, 60/048,069, 60/048,095, 60/048,131, 60/048,096, 60/048,355, 60/048,160, 60/048,351, 60/048,154, each of which was filed on May 30, 1997; 60/054,804, filed on August 5, 1997; 60/056,370, filed on August 19, 1997; and 60/060,862, filed on October 2, 1997. Each of the above reference applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.